



# News Release

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## ***PRELIMINARY PRICES FOR CROPS MIXED; ALL LIVESTOCK PRICES UP***

**SIOUX FALLS, April 30, 2010** -- Preliminary April prices were mixed from March for crops, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary prices for all livestock were up.

For April, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$4.26, was down 27 cents from last month and down \$1.44 from last April. The spring wheat price, at \$5.24, was 48 cents lower than last month and \$1.50 lower than last year. The April soybean price, at \$9.09, was 9 cents higher than last month but 28 lower than last year. The corn price, at \$3.13, was unchanged from last month but down 45 cents from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$13.90, was unchanged from last month and down \$9.60 from last year.

The preliminary April barrow and gilt price, at \$56.40, was up \$2.40 from last month and up \$11.00 from last year, while sows, at \$46.60, were up \$1.30 from March and up \$7.20 from April 2009.

The preliminary April steer and heifer price, at \$106.00, was up \$6.30 from March and up \$7.00 from April of last year. Calves, at \$130.00, were up \$8.00 from last month and up \$17.00 from April 2009.

The April alfalfa price, at \$81.00 per ton, was down \$8.00 from last month and down \$3.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$68.00, was down \$7.00 from last month and down \$1.00 from April 2009.

**Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers**

Commodity	Unit	April 2009 <sup>1</sup>	March 2010 <sup>1</sup>	April 2010 <sup>2</sup>
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	3.58	3.13	3.13
Soybeans	Bu.	9.37	9.00	9.09
Sunflower	Cwt.	23.50	13.90	13.90
Wheat, All	Bu.	6.09	4.95	4.60
Winter	Bu.	5.70	4.53	4.26
Other Spring	Bu.	6.74	5.72	5.24
Oats	Bu.	1.80	2.14	2.00
Hay, All	Ton	81.00	87.00	78.00
Alfalfa	Ton	84.00	89.00	81.00
Other	Ton	69.00	75.00	68.00
Cattle, All Beef <sup>3</sup>	Cwt.	92.70	97.60	105.00
Cows	Cwt.	50.20	56.90	59.40
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	99.00	99.70	106.00
Calves <sup>4</sup>	Cwt.	113.00	122.00	130.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	44.80	53.10	55.40
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	45.40	54.00	56.40
Sows	Cwt.	39.40	45.30	46.60
Lambs	Cwt.	106.00	131.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	26.90	46.40	NA

<sup>1</sup> Entire month. <sup>2</sup> Mid-month. <sup>3</sup> Over 500 lbs. <sup>4</sup> Under 500 lbs. NA = Not Available

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